

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated Sunday, October 7, 2012, the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others; and,

*Whereas*, An average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and,

*Whereas*, The events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and,

*Whereas*, Firefighters and emergency services personnel of South Dakota play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and,

*Whereas*, Wildland Firefighter Trampus Haskvitz, Firefighter William Waldner, Firefighter Jacob Waldner, Lt. Colonial Paul Mikreal, Major Joseph McCormick, Major Ryan Davis, and SMSgt Robert Cannon all gave their lives in service to the citizens of South Dakota; and,

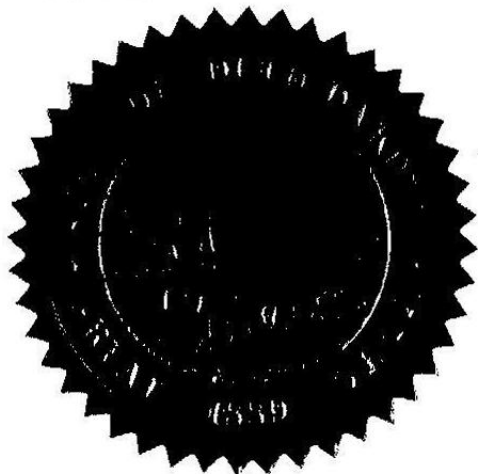
*Whereas*, We honor and dedicate ourselves to the memory and sacrifice these 41 firefighters have made to all for us; and,

*Whereas*, It is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2012, as

### *FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Patricia K. Miller / Deputy*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State